

PLANTATIONS ANXIOUS FOR MORE RUSSIANS

Some time ago Dr. Victor Clark, on behalf of the department of immigration, requested managers of the different plantations in the Territory to furnish them with their opinions on the Russians as laborers in the cane fields, and as to whether they were in favor of having more brought to the islands.

Following are extracts from some of the replies received:

"The single Russians do not seem to care to become farm-laborers in Hawaii. Where a family is together better results are obtained."

"From what I have seen the Russians would prove to be good laborers were they carefully selected."

"I believe that the Russians would make good laborers if the right kind could be obtained. Families are what are wanted."

"I find them very unsettled."

"They seem to be good laborers and I am not unfavorable to the importation of others."

"While my experience with the Russians as laborers has been limited I would like more."

"I have now nine Russians on the payroll. One has been with me since November, 1909, and another since last June. They are good workmen and I would be glad to receive more."

"In view of my experience as an employer I am in favor of bringing more Russians here."

"I employ eleven Russians and am very pleased with them and shall always be glad to receive additional arrivals."

"If there were any possible way in which to keep the Russians here I would be much in favor of having more. Those who have stayed with us have turned out to be very good laborers."

"I have twenty Russians working

for me and they are satisfactory laborers. I would approve of the policy of bringing more here."

"If actual Russian farm laborers could be guaranteed it would be a good thing to bring more."

"I employ quite a large number of Russians and am pretty well satisfied with them and would be glad to receive a few more."

"Our experience with the Russians is that they do as good work in the fields as the Portuguese and if they could be obtained more cheaply than the latter I would recommend the bringing to the Territory of more."

"If the proper kind of Russians could be secured I should be pleased to have a few."

"I have a few Russians but find them very irregular workers. Probably they would do better if clustered in larger communities."

The unfavorable replies came as a rule from the country around Hilo.

The consensus of opinion among the managers appears to be favorable to the Russian as a laborer and this opinion amply justifies the policy of the department of immigration in endeavoring to secure as many friends and relatives of the Russians now here as possible.

By this means not only will new laborers be secured but they will come with some assurance that they will remain here, for their own people will be near at hand and a home interest will soon be established which will check further migration on their part.

There is also a hope, though very slight, that as a result of letters written by Russians who are contented with their lot in Hawaii, a more or less voluntary emigration to Hawaii will in time follow.

HONOLULU APATHETIC UNENTERPRISING AND LACKING CIVIC PRIDE

"Honolulu is woefully lacking both in civic pride and local enterprise," said C. S. Desky this morning in discussing the news regarding the stationing of soldiers here, answering a question as to its effect on the real estate market. "As far as I can see, the news has had no effect. The reasons are a lack of pride and confidence among Honolulu men in their own city and the tendency to send money away for investment."

"If San Diego, or any other coast city, had received news such as this city has received, the people would go up in the air. There might be a boom, which, of course, is not wanted. But in any event the people would realize what it meant to their city, and back local enterprises accordingly."

"It is clear that Honolulu is very soon to be a big city. People who invest in real estate will find themselves rich over night without turning a hand. But Honolulu money, unless it goes into sugar, prefers to seek wildcat schemes on the mainland. This is due to a lack of civic pride and a lack of confidence in the future of the city, though as a matter of fact Honolulu real estate is gilt-edged security. Any old scheme from the mainland is good to get Honolulu dollars. Any wildcat enterprise finds plenty of local investors if it is only a mainland scheme, often as the town has been badly stung. But the proposition right at hand, made more certain even than sugar by the plans of the federal government, doesn't excite interest."

KUHIO LEAVES AND WILL FIGHT FREAR

Governor Frear was aboard the S. S. Wilhelmina this morning till almost halting time. Delegate Kuhio, en route to Washington, boarded the steamer just after the Governor had come down the gang plank.

"Did you and Delegate Kuhio shake hands?" was the question asked of Governor Frear by a newspaperman later on in the morning.

"Why, no," replied the Governor. "I must have just missed him."

He would like to have shaken hands with him, for our relations have always been cordial.

However, Kuhio has gone with war paint on, and he will spare no effort to prevent Frear being appointed for a second term as governor. In fact he will put in strenuous work against Frear.

Kuhio has not come out as a candidate for the governorship himself, but it is understood that he would much like to succeed Frear.

THE BUSINESS AND POLITICAL EFFECTS OF THE BIG GARRISON

A garrison of 12,000 soldiers will mean an addition of 20,000 white people to the population of Honolulu, is the calculation of a local business man who is figuring on having his concern doubled in short order when the soldiers come. With the soldiers, of course, will come many others, including wives and families of officers. The officers will have to find their own homes, renting them, and a cottage building boom of considerable proportions is anticipated.

Many Soldiers May Vote.

The political effect of the big garrison may also be very important. The Organic Act contains a provision here by reason of being in the service

JAPAN MAKES OVERTURES FOR ARBITRATION

(Associated Press Cable to The Star.)

TOKIO, May 24.—It is officially declared that the Japanese government is prepared to participate in arbitration negotiations with the United States.

Nothing Much in the Way.

WASHINGTON, May 24.—The want of a technical inauguration of diplomatic exchanges is the only obstacle to opening negotiations with Japan for arbitration.

STIMSON FOR THE TICKET.

WASHINGTON, May 24.—Stimson, who took Secretary Dickinson's place in the cabinet, is gossiped about as a vice-presidential possibility.

VIOLATING THE ARMISTICE.

EL PASO, May 24.—The government complaining that the armistice is being violated in six states. It is suggested that Madero join the federals to secure pacification.

Resignations Tomorrow.

CITY OF MEXICO, May 24.—It is announced that the resignations of Diaz and Corral will be presented tomorrow.

Safeguard for Madero.

MEXICO, May 24.—The necessity of Madero journeying with a guard is recognized here. General Figueroa will disarm when Madero arrives at the City of Mexico.

POOR HINES.

WASHINGTON, May 24.—Senator La Follette has denounced Hines in the Senate.

DENIAL FROM CONNORS.

LOS ANGELES, May 24.—Connors declared to the grand jury that he is not connected with the dynamite plot of which McNamara is accused.

MORNING CABLE ABSTRACT.

CITY OF MEXICO, May 24.—President Diaz has signed his resignation and it will be sent to Congress this morning. He will leave the country and live in Paris. Madero is expected soon.

EAGLE PASS, Texas, May 24.—According to an immigration agent, interviewed here, the Japanese government has stopped the emigration of its subjects to Mexico, as they cross the line into the United States.

SEATTLE, May 24.—The editor, manager and city editor of the Seattle Times have been indicted for criminal libel and for conspiring to protect the vice resorts.

Demurrers In Senator Case

Demurrers have been filed by Judge W. L. Whitney, Attorney General Alexander Lindsay, Jr., and Sheriff W. P. Jarrett in the suits brought against them and Edward D. Tenney, E. Faxon Bishop, Richard Ivers and William Protenhauer for false imprisonment and malicious prosecution by Liberato Gome and ten others, including four minors, who were taken off the emigrant steamer Senator upon which they were supposedly shipped by Frank B. Craig and associates for transportation to Alaska via San Francisco.

It is set up in the demurrers that the complaint is ambiguous, unintelligible and uncertain in that it does not appear whether the action is for false imprisonment or for malicious process; that it joins an action for false imprisonment and an action for malicious prosecution in one count; that the complaint does not state a cause of action in that it does not allege that the suit in which the alleged invalid process was issued has terminated; that it does not state a cause of action in that it shows an assertion by defendants of legal authority and does not set forth any allegations of fact showing a lack of legal authority, and does not state a cause of action in that, in alleging that the imprisonment complained of was unlawful, it states mere conclusions of law and no facts.

John W. Catcart and Kinney, Prosser, Anderson and Marx are attorneys for the defendants.

MRS. M'QUAID MAKES ANSWER

In the divorce suit of William M. McQuaid vs. Charlotte E. McQuaid, two motions were filed by Lorrin Andrews for libellee this morning. One is for reasonable counsel fee and alimony to defend the action, and the other to strike out of the libel paragraph 10 on the grounds that its allegations do not constitute extreme cruelty and besides are "impertinent, scandalous and irrelevant matter."

In an affidavit to the first motion Mrs. McQuaid relates her filing of a suit against her husband prior to the filing of his suit against her, in which she charged him with habitual intemperance, extreme cruelty and failure to provide. In that libel she had related her dependence upon the charity of her relatives. She goes on to say:

"That for a long time prior to the bringing of said libel she was left absolutely destitute by the said William M. McQuaid and it was necessary for her to sell and dispose of her personal jewelry and belongings in order to support herself and her children until she is at the present time absolutely without any private means of any kind whatsoever."

"That the allegations of adultery and cruelty charged against her and said libellant are untrue; but that will be necessary in order to disprove the same that libellee be represented by counsel and have some means to pay witnesses."

"That, on information and belief, libellant is in receipt of a salary of \$150 per month; that libellant lives in the Royal Hawaiian Hotel in ample comfort and spends his leisure time frequenting saloons, clubs and other resorts in the city of Honolulu where it is impossible to resort unless one has ample funds."

THE PLACE FOR TROOPS

The Chamber of Commerce this afternoon passed a resolution asking Congress to quarter troops at Fort Armstrong.

"MOTHER" RICE ILL.

"Mother" Rice of Kaula is very ill, according to news that arrived here by wireless today by her grandsons, Hon. D. P. R. Isenberg and the Cooke brothers, and other relatives.

Although the news is not definite, grave fears for her recovery are entertained, considering her great age, 63 years.

THE WILLFONG RESIGNATION IN

The resignation of Nathan C. Willfong as tax assessor of the county of Hawaii was received by Treasurer Conkling this morning.

The matter has been talked of for several days, but it was not till today that official word was received.

Willfong stated in his letter that he wished his resignation to go into effect on June 30, and that he would be ready at any time to turn over his office to his successor. He declared his willingness to help his successor in every possible way, and hoped that a good man might be found for the position.

Willfong has been the tax collector of the third taxation division of the Territory for the past twelve years.

"He has been a faithful officer," said Governor Frear of him this morning. "His successor has not been determined upon as yet."

BUILDING LAW [THIS EVENING]

An informal meeting of the members of the Board of Supervisors, the building inspector, plumbing inspector, contractors and others interested is to be held this evening at the municipal headquarters for the consideration of the building ordinance, which will probably come up for passage on first reading at the regular meeting of the board on Friday night. The ordinance is a very long one, and has been gone over and amended by many experts during the long process of its preparation. A. R. Gurrey, secretary of the Board of Underwriters and Young, the contractor, have just finished their final revision of it and turned it over to the supervisors.

SIDESTEPPING GRAFT CHARGE

Speaker Holstein has written an open letter to Editor J. F. Cowan of the Kohala Midget denying the latter's published statement that Holstein charged graft in connection with the delay in building the Mahukona wharf. Holstein says in his letter that he stated that to a layman like himself it "would look as if there was graft" and criticizes the Midget for charging graft with "not the slightest foundation."

GONE FOR MONEY

Prominent among the passengers by the S. S. Wilhelmina which left for the Coast this morning were Territorial Treasurer Lloyd Conkling and Attorney C. R. Hemenway.

They go direct to New York to attend to the flotation of \$1,500,000 bonds. Conkling will do the financial work and Hemenway look after the legal end of the issue.

Registrar of Public Accounts Hapai started work as acting treasurer this morning and will continue in that capacity until Conkling's return.

ACCIDENT IN MANOA.

J. Harris Mackenzie met with an accident this morning in Manoa, but fortunately, beyond a severe shaking and bruising, it is not anticipated that serious results will follow. Mr. Mackenzie was on his way to business early this morning in his automobile when the machine stopped and Mr. Mackenzie, without putting on the brake, went to the front of the machine and cranked up. The machine bucked, the crank handle whirled back and Mr. Mackenzie was thrown to the ground, the machine passing over him. He was picked up and taken to his home, where medical aid was called in.

SAID HIGH HENRY OWED HIM A THOUSAND AND HENRY KICKED

High Sheriff Henry had an interview this morning with a man named Reed, who is here in the interests of a proposed book to write up Honolulu in various ways and incidentally to publish a lot of advertisements, the interview being a result of reports that Reed had been circulating a report that Henry owed him a thousand dollars. Reed was here with Hatter, the detective whose work created a big sensation in Honolulu some years ago. He was declared to have stated to Detective McDuffie that, as a result of his work, Henry owed him a thousand plunks, and that much of Hatter's reported work was really his work.

Henry met Reed this morning, and the interview was somewhat lively. Reed denied that he had ever said Henry owed him anything. He said he had no claim on Henry and had never said that he had, but had merely indulged in some "hot air" about the work done with Hatter. Henry said he couldn't remember Reed as having been here before, but certainly knew he didn't owe him anything, and the interview ended.

And McDuffie still says that Reed said that Henry owed him one thousand plunks.

"Reed told me," said Deputy Sheriff Rose today, "that High Sheriff Henry owed him a thousand dollars."

THE TELEPHONE INJUNCTION.

F. E. Thompson, Harry Armitage and the Standard Telephone Company are, by stipulation of counsel on both sides, allowed further time until June 5 to file an amended bill for injunction against the Mutual Telephone Company. Judge Robinson signs consent.

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EJECTION SUIT.

L. Apana, guardian of Loo Tan Chee and Loo Say Lan, minors, has brought an ejection suit against C. W. Horning and six others for a piece of land at Waikole, Ewa, Oahu, containing 0.55 acre, asking \$1000 damages for detention.

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